

02/13/2008 - Budget Committee Minutes

Hopkinton Budget Committee Town Hall Minutes February 13, 2008

Present: Karen Irwin, Chair; David Lancaster; Danny Coen; Tom O'Donnell, HVP Representative; Joy Bloomfield, School Board Representative; and Barbara Unger Tom Congoran, Selectmen Representative; Mark Hemerlien, Alternate CVP Representative; Jane Bradstreet; and Patrice Gerseny.

Absent: Bob Carpenter, CVP Representative

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 pm.

Chairman Irwin opened the meeting by reviewing the Town warrant. Articles 1-4 are not operating budget articles. The first article with a variance was article 5. Danny Coen made a motion and David Lancaster seconded to recommend an adjustment of \$1,000 for executive conferences to the selectman's budget. The Budget Committees budget is in the amount of \$1,087,259, for general government functions was approved. All were in favor except Tom Congoran.

A motion was made by Patrice Gerseny to approve Article 6 in the amount of \$1,333,902 for public safety operations. All budget committee members were in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Jane Bradstreet and seconded by Barbara Unger to approve the article 7 for the new firefighter/paramedic in the amount of \$56,623. Danny Coen, Tom O'Donnell and Patrice Gerseny voted against the article all other members were in favor.

A motion was made by Joy Bloomfield and seconded by David Lancaster to reduce Article 8, the selectman's budget proposal for Public Works Operations by \$16,000 for \$6,000 for seasonal employees, \$5,000 for the lease of equipment and \$5,000 for the repair line of buildings and grounds. All were in favor with the exception of Tom Congoran whom voted against the motion.

A motion was made on article 9 by Jane Bradstreet and seconded by David Lancaster to approve the Health and Human Service Organizations in the amount \$122,690. All were in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Danny Coen and seconded by David Lancaster to reduce the selectman's article 10 by \$17,900 to \$150,146.

A \$17,500 for summer camp and \$400 dollars for an extra band concert. All were in favor of the motion except Tom Congoran whom was opposed to the motion.

Next was article 11 with a motion made by Danny Coen and seconded by Tom Congoran to reduce the library budget by \$6,275 to \$274,731. Tom O'Donnell, Patrice Gerseny and Karen Irwin voted against the motion. The remaining budget committee members were voted in favor.

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Article 12 was proposed to be reduced by \$825 to \$840 by David Lancaster and seconded by Danny Coen. All were in favor of the motion with the exception of Jane Bradstreet and Tom Congoran who voted against the motion.

A motion made to approve article 13 to approve for long term debt and TAN interest in the amount of \$414,632 by Danny Coen and seconded by Patrice Gerseny. All were in favor.

A motion was made by Patrice Gerseny and seconded by Barbara Unger to approve article 14 in the amount of \$291,500 for capital reserve accounts. All were in favor of the motion.

Article 15 for the police radio and related equipment replacement motion was made by Jane Bradstreet and seconded by Tom Congoran. All were in favor of the motion.

A motion was made on Article 16 for expendable general trust funds to be \$15,000 lower than the selectman's budget for town facilities was made by Barbara Unger and seconded by Patrice Gerseny reducing the article to \$13,000. All were in favor.

A motion to accept Article 17 for the recycling revolving fund was made by David Lancaster and seconded by Patrice Gerseny. All were in favor.

A discussion ensued about plowing and sanding of public roads.

Janet Krzyzaniak: Stated she thought it was wrong to vote against something that had been done for years.

A motion was made by David Lancaster not to recommend article 18 for plowing and sanding of public roads. Joy, David, Danny, Mark and Tom O'Donnell voted in favor of the motion. Karen, Patrice, Jane and Tom Congoran voted against the motion.

Next was the School District warrant. Article II for the school district operating budget in the amount of \$15,521,951 a motion was made by Joy Bloomfield to accept and Patrice Gerseny seconded the motion. All were in favor. Article III to approve the amount of \$50,000 for general contingency was made by David Lancaster and seconded by Danny Coen. All were in favor. Joy Bloomfield made a motion to approve Article V for the repair and maintenance in the amount \$81,389. All were in favor. A motion was made by Joy Bloomfield and seconded by Jane Bradstreet to approve Article VI for \$25,000 for the school building repair fund. All were in favor. A motion was made by Joy Bloomfield and seconded by Barbara Unger to approve Article VII for educating disabled trust fund in the amount of \$25,000. All were in favor.

The Contoocook Village Precinct: Articles 1-6 were non financial articles. A motion was made by Mark Hemmerlien and seconded by David Lancaster to approve article 7 for precinct administrative expenses in the amount of \$64,000. All were in favor. Mark Hemmerlien made a motion and Joy Bloomfield seconded the motion to approve articles

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8 for Street lighting, 9 for water services, 12 for capital reserve, and 14 for chlorination chlorination. All were in favor. Mark Hemmerlien made a motion and David Lancaster seconded articles 10 and 11 for \$19,553 from surplus and \$115,000 for capital reserve. All were in favor. A motion was made by Mark Hemmerlien and seconded by Barbara Unger to approve the \$215,000 for relining of water lines on spring street. All were in favor.

The Hopkinton Village Precinct: Articles 1-2 were non financial. A motion was made by Tom O'Donnell and seconded by Mark Hemmerlien to approve article 3 for \$177,910 for general expenses. All were in favor except for David Lancaster. A motion was made by Tom O'Donnell and seconded by Barbara Unger to approve article 4 in the amount of \$21,050 for general expenses. All were in favor.

Chairman Irwin accepts a motion to adjourn. Danny Coen made the motion and Patrice Gerseny seconded the motion.

The meeting ended at 9:11 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen Irwin, Chairman